

BENCHMARK BENEFIT PLANS UNDER MEDICAID MODERNIZATION

Idaho Medicaid implemented benchmark benefit plans to support the Medicaid Modernization initiative. New benefit plans include:

1. **The Medicaid Basic Plan** – for low-income children and adults with eligible dependent children. This plan provides complete health, prevention and wellness services for children and adults who don't have disabilities or other special health needs.
2. **The Medicaid Enhanced Plan** – includes all services of Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits, plus additional services to meet the needs of participants with disabilities or special health concerns. The services in this plan include the full range of services covered by the Idaho Medicaid program.
3. **The Medicare-Medicaid Coordinated Plan** – implemented April 1, 2007 for individuals eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Individuals choosing this plan enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan through a participating provider. The Medicare Advantage plan will offer the same services as the Enhanced Plan except the following, which will be covered by Medicaid, except service coordination, for Coordinated plan participants:
 - Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services
 - Long-Term Care Services
 - Personal Care Services
 - Developmental Disabilities services
 - Other Home and Community-based Services

New Medicaid participants will be enrolled in either the Medicaid Basic Plan or the Medicaid Enhanced Plan. Plan assignment is based on individual health needs. Medicaid and CHIP-A participants who were enrolled prior to July will be transitioned to one of the new plans as part of annual eligibility renewal. Children currently covered under the CHIP-B program were transitioned to one of the new benefit plans effective July 1, 2006.

EXISTING Medicaid programs will continue to remain in place after July, 2006:

1. **Pregnant Women Plan** – limited to pregnancy related services only.
2. **Presumptive Eligibility Plan** – limited to outpatient pregnancy related services only.
3. **Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Plan** - limited to Medicare paid services only.

MEDICAID SERVICES COVERED UNDER THE NEW BENEFIT PLANS

Coverage under the **Medicaid Enhanced Plan** includes the full range of Medicaid services currently covered by the Idaho Medicaid program with existing exclusions and limitations.

Coverage and limitations under the **Medicaid Basic Plan** is summarized in Table 1 below:

Types of Services and the Medicaid Basic Plan Limitations/Exclusions		
Type of Service	Covered in Medicaid Basic Plan	Medicaid Basic Plan Limitations/Exclusions (in addition to established Medicaid exclusions and limitations)
Inpatient Hospital Services	X	10 day limit for inpatient mental health services, based on a rolling year.
Outpatient Hospital Services (including Emergency Services)	X	
Ambulatory Surgical Center Services	X	
Physician Services	X	
Other Practitioner Services, including Podiatrist, Optometrist, Chiropractor, Physician Assistant	X	
Nurse Midwife Services	X	
Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner or Certified Family Nurse Practitioner Services	X	
Primary Care Case Management (Healthy Connections)	X	

Types of Services and the Medicaid Basic Plan Limitations/Exclusions		
Type of Service	Covered in Medicaid Basic Plan	Medicaid Basic Plan Limitations/Exclusions (in addition to established Medicaid exclusions and limitations)
Prevention Services (includes well-baby, well-child and well-adult preventative medicine exams)	X	Adult (over age 21) preventive medicine exams are limited to one per rolling year. The year starts on the date of the initial examination. The year ends 360 days later. Prior Authorization is required for additional assessments within the same year. ¹
Nutrition Services, including diabetic education and training	X	
Laboratory and Radiological (X-Ray) Services	X	
Prescribed Drugs	X	
Family Planning Services	X	
Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Services for individuals under age 21	X	10 day limit for inpatient mental health services, based on a rolling year.
Partial Care treatment		Covered only in the Enhanced Plan
Psychosocial Rehabilitation	X	Limited to services provided by School Districts
Outpatient Mental Health	X	Mental Health Clinic providers are limited to 26 combined outpatient mental health services per participant per calendar year. The existing psychiatric service limitations also apply. Certain providers are limited to diagnostic and evaluation services. ²
Home Health Care	X	
Physical Therapy	X	
Respiratory Care Services	X	

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Medical Equipment and Supplies	X	
Prosthetic Devices	X	
Vision Services/Eyeglasses	X	
Speech, Hearing and Language Services	X	
Medical and Surgical Services furnished by a dentist	X	
Dental Services (includes dentures)	X	Covered under Idaho Smiles, the dental insurance plan contracted to Blue Cross of Idaho
Rural Health Clinic Services	X	
Federally Qualified Health Center Services	X	
Indian Health Services Facility	X	
Independent School District Services	X	
Medical Transportation	X	
EPSDT/Special Services for Children	X	The Medicaid Basic Plan does not cover Intensive Behavioral Intervention and Private Duty Nursing, unless provided by School Districts. A child who requires services not available under the Basic Plan may receive those services under the Enhanced Plan.
Pregnancy-Related Services	X	
Intermediate care facility services		Covered only in the Enhanced Plan
Nursing Facility Services		Covered only in the Enhanced Plan

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Personal Care Services	X	Limited to services provided by School Districts
Home and Community-Based Waiver Services		Covered only in the Enhanced Plan
Hospice Care		Covered only in the Enhanced Plan
Developmental Therapy Services	X	Developmental Disability and Rehab Mental Health providers are limited to diagnostic and evaluation services. ²
Case Management Services		Covered only in the Enhanced Plan

¹ Information Release MA06-17, published in the July issue of *MedicAide*, provides additional information about preventative medicine services.

² Information Release 2006-15, published in the July issue of *MedicAide*, provides additional information about mental health exclusions and limitations.